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SWIMMING A COMING PASTIME IN TEMPE

**Clear, Flowing Waters of Salt River
Are Attracting Many to Its
Banks Every Evening**

Were the question to be asked of a Tempe resident on most any day this kind of weather, which is the most popular amusement resort in Tempe this evening? Almost certain would come the answer, "The swimming hole in Salt River, just north of the buttes." Rapidly is this spot gaining prominence as the weather seemingly grows warmer and the folks of the town begin to seek a place where they may cool off for at least an hour or two out of the twenty-four.

Nearly any time during the day, bathers may be found enjoying the refreshing waters of the Salt within the vicinity of Tempe, either at the Point of Rocks, just north of the larger butte or at the vipples to the rear of the little butte. But the real time of day for swimming is in the evening according to the many who seldom pass a day without enjoying a short time in the waters of the Salt.

As high as fifty have been seen in the river at one time on an evening already this year. And from day to day the increasing presence of bathers at the Rapids is easily noticeable. The good word has been passed along and is being passed along, until swimming is going to become the one popular pastime with Tempe folks not many days hence.

Certain additions might be made along the water edge that would add materially to the pleasure of visiting the river evenings. Dressing rooms of some sort or another would be the big item. But even leave the river as it is now, and it will soon gain such popularity that local residents will flock to its banks of an evening in ever-increasing numbers. They'll enjoy the refreshing waters mightily too.

